

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A powered clamp assembly comprising:
 - an actuator;
 - a cam member having a camming surface;
 - wherein the cam member is attached to and driven by the actuator;
 - at least one jaw arm pivotable about an axis;
 - a bearing member attached to the jaw arm;
 - wherein the bearing member is engagable with the camming surface of the cam member; and
 - wherein movement of the cam member causes the camming surface to ~~engage~~move the bearing member ~~causing~~which causes the jaw arm to pivot.
2. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 1, wherein the cam member is movable linearly, and the camming surface is arcuate to cause the jaw arm to pivot.
3. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 1, further comprising a link that movably couples the jaw arm to the cam member.
4. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 1, wherein the actuator is a pneumatic actuator.
5. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 1, wherein the camming surface of the cam member is located on the periphery thereof.
6. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 3, wherein the cam member is movable in first and second directions, and wherein the camming surface of

the cam member moves the jaw arm in a third direction when the cam member is moved in a first direction; and wherein the link moves the jaw arm in a fourth direction when the cam member is moved in the first direction.

7. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 1, wherein the cam member is movable in first and second linearly reciprocal directions, and wherein the bearing member is a bushing that follows an arcuate cam path that displaces the bushing to cause the attached jaw arm to pivot.

8. (Currently Amended) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 6, wherein the link comprising a slot, and the jaw arm comprising a pin extending therefrom that is disposed in the slot to prevent interference between the link and the cam member when the cam member is moved in the first direction and to provide engagement between the link and the cam member when the cam member is moved in the second direction.

9. (Currently Amended) A powered clamp assembly comprising:
a body;
an actuator;
a cam member having first and second camming surfaces;
wherein the cam member is driven by the actuator;
a first jaw arm pivotally mounted with respect to the body;
a second jaw arm pivotally mounted with respect to the body, and
positioned opposite the first jaw arm;
a first bearing member attached to the first jaw arm and engagable
with the first ~~bearing~~camming surface of the cam member; and
a second bearing member attached to the second jaw arm and
engagable with the second ~~bearing~~camming surface of the cam member;

wherein movement of the cam member causes the first and second camming surfaces to engage the first and second bearing members, respectively, to cause the first and second bearing members to move to cause the first and second jaw arms to move.

10. (Currently Amended) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 9, wherein the cam member is movable linearly, and the first and second jaw arms ~~are~~are movable pivotally.

11. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 9, further comprising a first link that movably couples the first jaw arm to the cam member, and a second link that movably couples the second jaw arm to the cam member.

12. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 9, wherein the actuator is a pneumatic actuator.

13. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 9, wherein the first and second camming surfaces of the cam member are located on the periphery thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 11, wherein the cam member is movable in a first direction, and wherein the first and second camming surfaces of the cam members engage and separate the first and second bearing members, respectively, to move the first and second jaw arms, respectively, to a closed position.

15. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 14, wherein when the cam member is movable in a second direction, and wherein the first and second links move the first and second jaw arms to an open position.

16. (Currently Amended) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 9, wherein the first and second bearing members are first and second ~~bushing~~bushings members, respectively, each following arcuate cam paths of the first and second camming surfaces, respectively, such that the first and second bushings are displaced to cause the first and second jaw arms to pivot.

17. (Currently Amended) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 15, wherein the first and second links each comprise a slot, and the first and second jaw arms each comprise a pin extending therefrom, respectively, wherein the pin extending from the first jaw arm is disposed in the slot of the first link, and wherein the pin extending from the second jaw arm is disposed in the slot of the second link, so as to prevent interference between the first and second links and the cam member when the cam member is moved in the first direction, and to provide engagement between the first and second links and the cam member when the cam member is moved in the second direction.

18. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 9, wherein the cam member serves as a wedge between the first and second bearing members, moving the same apart and preventing a change in position until the cam member is moved.

19. (Currently Amended) A powered clamp assembly comprising:
an actuator;
a cam member having a camming surface which forms a pathway
along at least a portion of the outer periphery of the cam member~~disposed thereon~~;
wherein the cam member is driven by the actuator in first and
second directions;
a link movably coupled to the cam member;
a jaw arm; and

a bearing member coupled to the jaw arm;
wherein the link is movably coupled to the jaw arm; and
wherein during movement of the cam member in the first direction,
the camming surface engages the bearing to ~~member and~~ moves it along the
pathway which causes the jaw arm to move.

20. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 19, wherein during movement of the cam member in the second direction, the link engages the pin to move the jaw arm.

21. (Original) The powered clamp assembly of Claim 19, wherein engagement of the bearing member by the cam member to move the arm only occurs during movement of the cam member in the first direction.

22. (Currently Amended) A powered clamp assembly having at least two jaw arms, with at least one of which being pivotable with respect to the other at a pivot point, and an actuator having a rod extending therefrom which is movable rectilinearly, the powered clamp assembly further comprising:

a wedge that is coupled to the ~~actuator rod~~ for rectilinear
~~movement in first and second directions;~~

a bushing coupled to the at least one jaw arm

wherein the wedge engages the bushing on the at least one jaw
~~arms arm~~ at a location spaced apart from the pivot point to move the at least one of the
jaw arms about the pivot point.